

# WELCOME



## to Savage River State Forest

Savage River State Forest's more than 54,000 acres of rugged terrain challenges hikers, bikers and off-road vehicle riders. Anglers fish native brook trout streams and campers enjoy the tranquility and shade of the scenic forest. Many areas of the forest have been designated as State Wildlands, ensuring the preservation of the forest's unique natural resources.



*While you are enjoying the forest, please help us protect its natural and historic resources by following Leave No Trace Outdoor Ethics.*



State Wildlands  
Savage River State Forest has five designated State Wildlands, covering more than 12,000 acres. Wildlands are areas of land or water that have retained their wilderness character or have rare plant and animal species or contain unique natural features of interest worthy of preservation.

Activities that are consistent with the wilderness character of the area, including hunting, fishing, trapping, hiking and bird watching, can be enjoyed in the wildlands. Hunting, fishing and trapping are subject to existing laws, regulations and administrative policies. Activities that leave a lasting imprint of human activity, including the use of motorized vehicles, timber harvesting, construction of roads or structures are not permitted.



*Leave what you find. Allow others to discover the forest's unique resources by leaving rocks, plants, cultural artifacts and other natural objects of interest as you find them.*



Yellow lady slipper

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Plan your outdoor adventures or order trail guides on our website! [www.dnr.maryland.gov](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov)

## FOREST GUIDELINES AND REGULATIONS

Forest regulations are necessary to protect forest resources and the quality of your recreational experience. Regulations are posted in convenient places throughout the forest. Please observe them.

- Pets on a leash are welcome in all areas of the forest.
- There is no day-use service charge. A service charge is required to use the shooting range.
- Please report any problem to a park employee or call *Park Watch* at 1-800-825-7275.
- Remember, our forests are *Trash-free*. Trash cans are not available. Pack it in, pack it out!




Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor  
Michael S. Steele, Lt. Governor



C. Ronald Franks, Secretary

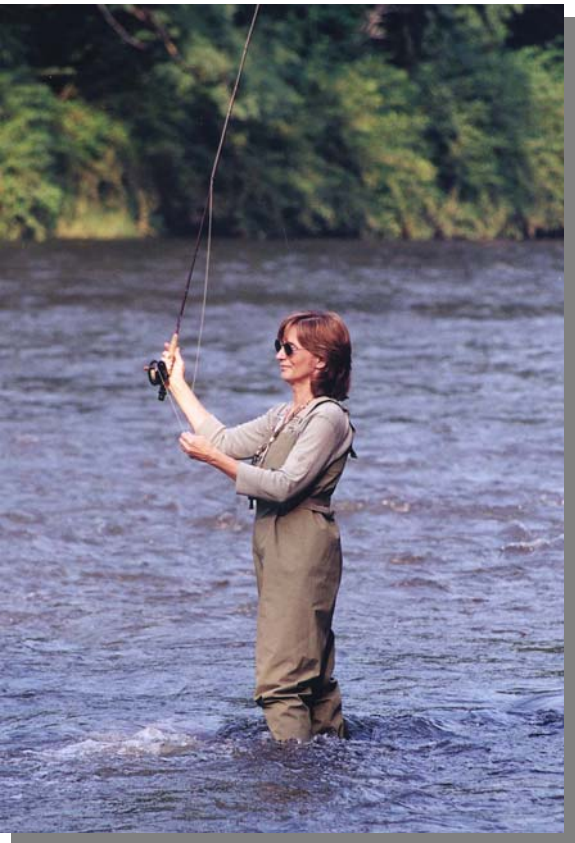
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# Maryland

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HIKING • BACKPACKING • BIKING  
PADDLING • FISHING  
CAMPING



RECREATION


Trails

Savage River State Forest has over 70 miles of trails open to hikers and mountain bikers of any ability. Mountain bikes are allowed on all hiking trails except for Monroe Run and Big Savage. Backpacking is enjoyed on a suggested backpacker loop or on the Big Savage Trail. A backpacking permit must be obtained at the forest headquarters.

Trail guides featuring a topographic map and trail descriptions can be purchased at the forest headquarters or on our website:  
[www.dnr.maryland.gov/outdooradventures](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/outdooradventures)

Off-Road Vehicles

Snowmobiles and off-road vehicles operators can enjoy several miles of scenic trail. Be sure to display a current Department of Natural Resources ORV permit, available at the forest headquarters.

 *Trails are extremely vulnerable to damage during and following rain events. Please allow at least 24-48 hours for trails to dry after significant rain.*


Paddling

The Savage River Reservoir provides excellent paddling opportunities. Two public boat launches offer convenient access at Dry Run and the weather station. Gasoline motors are not permitted to preserve the lake pristine water quality. Canoes may be rented at the BJ’s store located on Savage River Road.




Fishing

Anglers with a Freshwater Fishing License can seek walleye, trout and bass in the reservoir. Casselman River is stocked with rainbow and brown trout. Anglers with a trout stamp can fish the Savage River for wild brook and brown trout. For regulations and creel limits consult the Maryland Freshwater Sportfishing Guide or contact the Western Maryland Fisheries Office at (301) 334-8218.

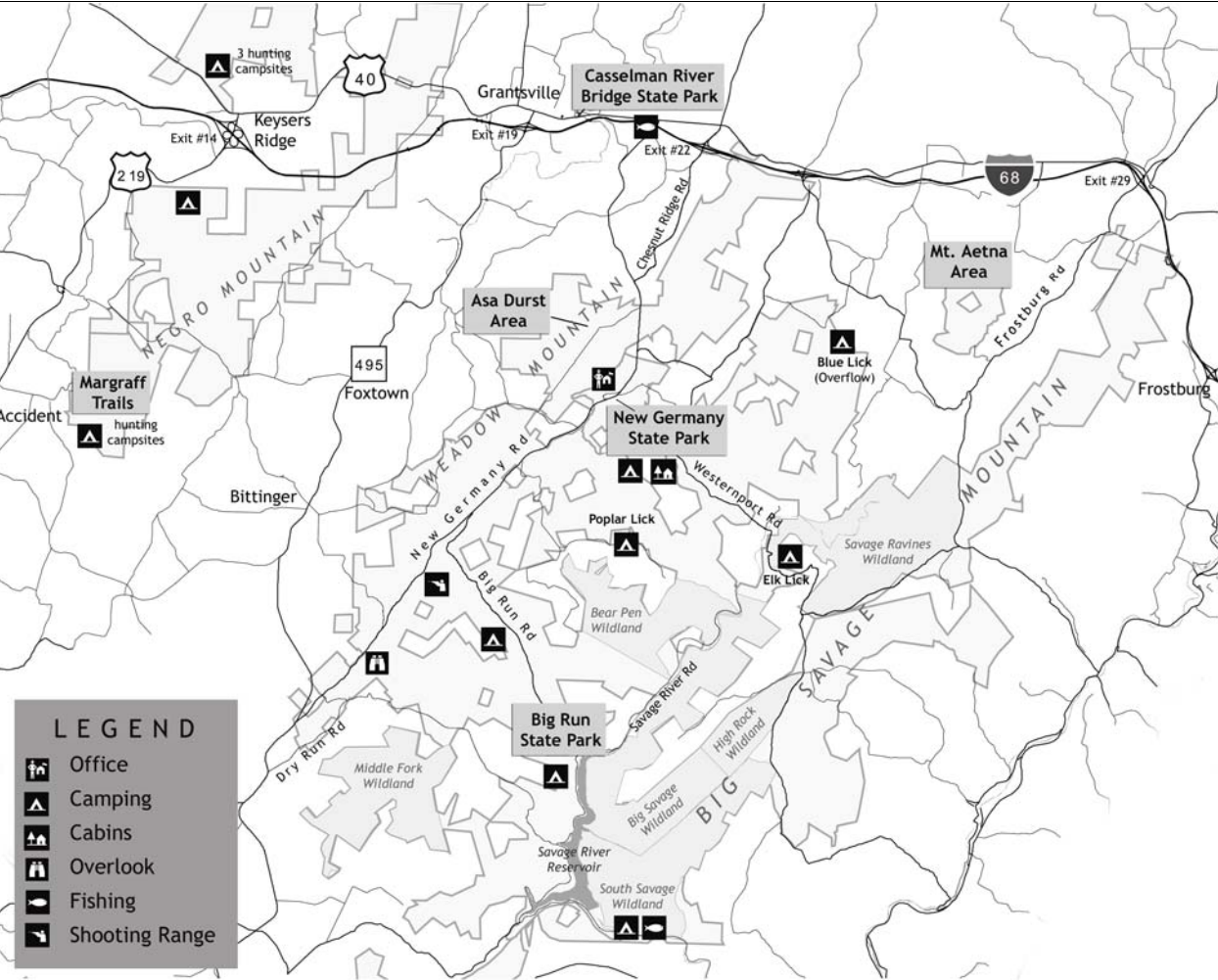
 Hunting - Shooting Range  
Hunting is permitted throughout the forest except where posted with safety zone signs. Hunters should consult their hunting guide for exact seasons and bag limits. Several access roads are available to hunters with disabilities. For more information about hunting and obtaining a permit, visit:  
[www.dnr.maryland.gov/huntersguide](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/huntersguide)

Shooting enthusiasts can use the forest shooting range on New Germany Road. Please be familiar with the range rules and pay the appropriate service charge in the honor box provided at the site.

 *Respect wildlife by hunting only in season animals. Be aware of your “field of fire.” Do not shoot near developed areas, trails or roads.*

Winter Recreation

Cross-country skiers and snowshoers of all abilities enjoy a winter wonderland on New Germany and Mt. Aetna trails. Asa Durst Trails are recommended for a backcountry snowshoe experience. Snowshoers must be careful to walk beside and not on cross-country tracks as it disrupts them.



Camping  
The forest’s primitive sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. A self-registration system is in effect at BJ’s store, Big Run State Park and the forest headquarters. Two state parks located within the state forest - New Germany and Big Run - offer additional camping opportunities.

Tips for camping in black bear country:  
• Never keep food in your tent.  
• Store food and garbage out of bear’s reach by either storing your food in a bear-proof container or hanging it properly between two trees.  
• If a bear comes into camp, don’t feed it! Scare it away by making noise.



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Directions to the office  
From Washington D.C./ Baltimore: Take I-70 west to I-68 west. Take exit 22 and follow Chesnut Ridge Rd. south. Turn left onto New Germany Rd and travel two miles. The entrance to the office is on the right.

